

### AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

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An embodiment of the impeller of the present invention is shown in FIGS. 5-7. The impeller includes a circular rear base plate 32 and at least one forward located annular ring 30. The base plate 32 and the forward ring 30 have corresponding effective diameters centered on rotary axis A and are axially spaced along the axis of rotation A of the impeller. The base plate 32 and the forward ring 30 also are oriented in radial planes that intersect the axis of rotation A of the impeller and have forward and rearward respective facing opposed radial surfaces. The impeller further includes a first plurality of food conveying paddles 34 that span the radial surfaces of the base plate 32 and the forward ring 30. Each of the paddles are generally rectilinear in shape and extend at an identical and constant angle relative to the axis of rotation of the impeller. The paddles 34 are located in circumferentially spaced and generally radially oriented relationship relative to the base plate 32 and the forward ring 30 so that radially outer generally axially extending edges of the paddles 34 are located adjacent the circumferences of the base plate 32 and the forward ring 30. The paddles 34 are each oriented to extend at an angle relative to a radius of the base plate 32 and the forward ring 30 such that the radially inner axially extending edge of each paddle 34 is located in leading relationship relative to the radially outer axially extending edge of the respective paddle 34 with respect to an intended direction of rotation A of the impeller.

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Each end of a respective paddle of the plurality of paddles 334 that is located adjacent to the base plate 32 is positioned in a partially trailing relationship relative to the end of the paddle of the plurality of paddles 34 that is located adjacent the forward ring 30 with respect to an intended direction of the rotation of the impeller.

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